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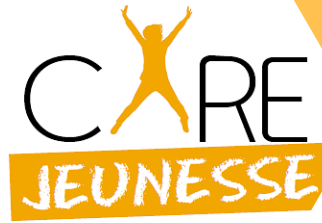
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A Special Message from The President

Dear CARE Jeunesse Friends,

Another year has come and gone and this past year has seen many changes within CARE Jeunesse, including a significant amount of growth. We had many exciting events this past year, including an a tour that was started to do outreach in youth centers across the province, a box-a-thon event for youth in care and alumni with famous Boxers Otis Grant and Lucia Larcinese, and a holiday party with a full holiday meal, gifts, games and prizes. Our holiday party was catered by an organization that assists young adults with reinsertion into the work force and was sponsored by many wonderful local companies as well as some various individuals!

All of these successes did not go unrecognized as the founding members of CARE Jeunesse were invited to attend the Gala des Prix Leviers at the Quebec National Assembly to accept the "Prix coup de Coeur" recognizing CARE Jeunesse's contribution to youth in Quebec society.

In other exciting news, thanks to the generous support of Hockey Helps the Homeless, CARE Jeunesse was able to hire it's first paid staff member, Community Outreach Coordinator Sarah Mekonen, who is working on outreach to our members as well as applying for Charitable Status!

Equally exciting this year, The Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club (MLUWC) has been a huge supporter of CARE Jeunesse this year, helping the organization to grow and offer help to members facing challenges. This support came in the form of a luggage drive, a gift card drive, and lobbying with the Quebec government to improve the conditions for youth leaving care just to name a few.

Also, we were delighted by the fact that CARE Jeunesse's website got a makeover after we were selected to participate with do_action_mtl's team of volunteers who dedicated countless hours to making sure that the website is user friendly! Speaking of volunteers, our number of volunteers continues to grow, so much in fact, that we needed to recruit a volunteer to co-ordinate our volunteers! Elizabeth Puztai was gracious enough to take on the role of volunteer coordinator to help maximize the skills of all of the wonderful people who have stepped up and continue to step up!

I am very excited about our many upcoming projects this year including a CARE Jeunesse tour, offering a pizza lunch along with free luggage to youth in care in youth centers throughout the province, our holiday party, CARE Jeunesse events and more! This year also saw the departure of Amanda Keller, CARE Jeunesse's first Board President and co-founder of CARE Jeunesse. Without Ms. Keller's hard work and dedication over the past five years, the organization would not be what it is today. Therefore I and all of the CARE Jeunesse board would like to extend our greatest thanks to Ms. Keller.

With Ms. Keller's departure, as the former Vice President, I had the privilege of stepping in as interim President. Thank you to the members, supporters and board members that have made this year the success that it has been. We look forward to another exciting year with you so join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, become a member (FREE) or sign up for our newsletter on our website, make a donation to help support our mission and events, volunteer, or sign our petition and send a letter to your local MNA! For more information visit www.carejeunesse.com.
Sincerely,

Jennifer Dupuis
President (Interim)

Meet the team!



Board of Directors

Jennifer Dupuis
President (Interim)

Varda Mann - Feder
Vice President

Eve Bennet
Secretary

Jessica Dupuis
Treasurer

Diana Prénovost
Member

Staff

Sarah Mekonen
Community Outreach
Coordinator





OUR MISSION, OUR VISION, OUR VALUES

Mission Statement

Centre Amitié, Ressources et Entraide pour la Jeunesse (C.A.R.E Jeunesse) is a provincial, bilingual non-profit organization founded by alumni of care that provides support to youth in care and alumni from care in Quebec.

C.A.R.E Jeunesse was created to improve the quality of life in care by providing a safe environment for members to connect and form supportive relationships as well as providing advocacy, education and empowerment opportunities. The organization connects youth to resources, examines policies related to youth in care and offers training and consultation to professionals on the issues relevant to youth in care.

C.A.R.E Jeunesse offers support to youth and alumni from all child protection placements, including but not limited to foster homes, group homes and a range of residential centres. C.A.R.E Jeunesse is widely inclusive and welcomes members from all backgrounds, abilities, cultures, religions, genders, sexual orientations and ethnicities.

Vision Statement

“Providing a voice and a community in Quebec for youth and alumni from care”.

Values Statement

C.A.R.E Jeunesse is proud to operate within the following core values:

- Community
- Autonomy
- Inclusiveness
- Empowerment
- Advocacy
- Respect
- Well-being



SUPPORT SERVICES: HOW WE CAN HELP

CARE Jeunesse provides a community and a voice for youth in care and alumni of care. CARE Jeunesse provides a safe place for youth and alumni to form relationships and seek support from individuals who have similar life experiences and helps youth and alumni find resources. CARE Jeunesse also examines policies related to youth in care, and offers training and consultation to professionals on the issues relevant to youth in care.

Need help finding help?

C.A.R.E. Jeunesse can help you find the support you need and provides referral services for the following situations:

Emergency Services

Are you in a difficult situation unable to meet your basic needs? We can help you get immediate assistance concerning:

Food
Homelessness
Material Assistance and Housing

Legal Assistance

Lost your birth certificate? Dealing with a legal issue? We can help you find legal support concerning:

Justice and Advocacy
Government Services

Health and Well-being

Feeling unwell, alone, or overwhelmed? We can help you get on the road to feeling better!

General Health Support
Mental Health and Addictions
Sex and Gender

Youth

Are you under the age of 18 and in need of special support? Did you know there are additional special resources to help you with:

Legal
Housing
General assistance



This Year's Highlights!

Luggage Drive



Many youth in foster care move frequently and often do not have anything to move their belongings in, resulting in them carrying around their most personal belongings in a garbage bag. CARE Jeunesse believes that every young person has the right to transport their belongings in a dignified manner and committed to start a project to give out luggage to youth in care to replace the trash bags! When the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club (MLUWC) learned that there were many youth in their community (West Island of Montreal) carrying their prized possessions in garbage bags, they immediately jumped to action, collecting over 200 pieces of new and gently used luggage to distribute to these youth and young adults! So far luggage has been distributed to 2 youth centers with more to come in the upcoming year.

Boxathon

In October 2017 we held a Boxathon in partnership with acclaimed boxer Otis Grant! Funds were raised for the cause and youth also had the opportunity to train with Otis!



CARE Jeunesse receives an award!

We were honoured to receive the Coup de Coeur award in Quebec's National Assembly this past fall!

Volunteer Coordinator Joins The Team!

We have been so fortunate to have such an outpouring of support, that we needed some extra help to coordinate everyone that wants to get involved! Luckily Liz Pustai was willing to come on board this spring as our Volunteer Coordinator!

Website Facelift

Our website www.carejeunesse.com got a facelift when we were selected to participate in the do_action_mtl hackathon where a team of dedicated volunteers with expertise in website design come together and spend the entire day creating a website for non-profits. Our new website makes it easy to connect to resources, and participate in a variety of ways!



Inaugural Edition Of Our Holiday Party!

Our members have expressed wanting to have more opportunities to connect, especially during times such as the winter holidays! The entire community showed great support donating prizes, decorations, food and more which allowed us to host the very first edition of the C.A.R.E. holiday dinner party!

Spreading Awareness At The Hockey Helps The Homeless Tournament!

C.A.R.E. Jeunesse was invited to speak to event participants about our mission and the impact they have had in supporting our cause. An amazing event and a great opportunity to spread awareness about our services!

Our First Staff Member!

CARE Jeunesse is excited to announce the hiring of its first paid employee-Community Outreach Coordinator Sarah Mekonen! Sarah, an alumni of care, brings her wealth of knowledge from her own experiences of being in care as well as her professional administrative experience and volunteer experience with youth aging out of care. Welcome Sarah!

Outreach At Youth Centers

CARE Jeunesse has been working hard to connect with young people leaving care from various youth centers throughout the province. Thus began the Pizza Lunch Tour; where a CARE Jeunesse Board member along with our Volunteer Coordinator and a CARE Jeunesse alumni of care visit various youth centers to provide information about how CARE Jeunesse can support youth as they age out of care. The alumni member shares their own story of challenges leaving care and perseverance to find a positive future. So far the Pizza Lunch Tour has been a great success and more stops are planned in the upcoming year. Here is a message that CARE Jeunesse received after one tour stop:

"I love your program, it shows people and youth in care (including myself) that there's a future even though they were in the system. Keep doing what you guys are doing...I'm looking towards CEGEP and University after high school, so I definitely believe there's a better future even when you're labeled a "bad teenager". -P.T

2017-2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue

Donations (individual) & Fundraisers: \$2,386.8

Donations (institutions): \$20,100

TOTAL REVENUE: \$22,486.80

Expenses

Admin: \$711.89

Travel: \$332.40

Food: \$160.00

Communications & Marketing: \$103.60

Fundraising: \$270.07

Events - social: \$800.99

Events - business: \$118.45

Miscellaneous: \$140.29

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,637.09



BUDGET 2018 - 2019

(Proposed)

Revenue

Account Name	Description	Amount
Grants	All grant revenue	\$0.00
Donations- Individuals	All donations from individuals (not tied to fundraising events)	\$300.00
Donations- Institutions	All donations from institutions (not tied to fundraising events)	\$500.00
Fundraising	All revenue from fundraisers	\$4,500.00
Sponsorship	All sponsorship revenue	\$0.00
Total:		\$5,300.00

Expenses

Account Name	Description	Amount
Salary	All salary paid to staff.	\$15,000.00
Remittances	Remittances on salaries paid to staff	\$0.00
Insurance	All insurance costs.	\$800.00
Reimbursements - Travel	Reimbursement of travel costs for staff and board members	\$600.00
Reimbursements - Food	Reimbursement of food costs for staff and board members	\$500.00
Reimbursements - Other	Reimbursement of other costs for staff and board members	\$0.00
Conferences & Learning	All external conference and learning events	\$300.00
Marketing & Promotions	External (ie branding)	\$600.00
Communications	Internet and phone related costs	\$200.00
Fundraising Expenses	All expenses incurred related to fundraisers	\$500.00
Supplies & Equipment	All office supplies and equipment (ie computers) & postage	\$100.00
Event Costs- Social	All event costs for social purposes (ie holiday parties)	\$2,000.00
Event Costs- Business	All event costs for business purposes (ie AGM costs)	\$150.00
Office Rent & Utilities	Office rent and all other costs for office.	\$0.00
Professional fees	All legal, audit, accounting, and grant writing fees.	\$3,000.00
Bank Charges	All bank charges	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous, catch all.	\$300.00
Total:		\$24,150.00



Join the C.A.R.E.
Jeunesse
community!

Become a
member today!

